

16 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 15 May 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Dulles,  
Mr. Sprague, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Larson,  
Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Staats

1. Leak of the MATADOR Release

Mr. Loy Henderson explained that the leak on the MATADOR release was due to an error on the part of our Charge' at Canberra. Having misread the message from the Department he thought the release had already been made and, so gave the information out to the CHINAT Ambassador, who in turn gave it to Reuters.

2. NSC Matters

Mr. Cutler reported that, in light of the OCB's new status in relation to the NSC, he was resuming work on a basic paper on NSC procedures which he began in 1953.

3. OCB Procedures

In connection with paragraph 2 above, Mr. Staats tabled a paper which he calls "Suggestions for Improving the Effectiveness of the OCB." The paper contains a summary of OCB functions and specific suggestions by Mr. Staats for improvement. This will be a matter of discussion at a special meeting of the Board Assistants. The Board welcomed this effort but there was no discussion of the paper. Mr. Hollister, however, suggested that instead of attempting always to get complete agreement on progress reports and outline plans in working groups and among the Board Assistants, it might be more constructive for the separate views to come up to the Board for consideration. The Board unanimously supported this suggestion.

#### 4. Photographing of German Documents

The DCI informed the Board that he had learned from Mr. John McCloy that the Ford Foundation has now expended \$67,000 on a project for photographing captured German records, and it is estimated that to complete the job it would cost an additional \$250,000. Mr. McCloy questioned the justification for that size additional expenditure on this project and wishes to know if the Government has any interest in supporting its continuation. He also said that the historians of the country are interested but have no funds. The DCI stated to the Board that, from an intelligence point of view, he would not encourage continuation of the project, but before giving Mr. McCloy his answer he would like an expression of interest or non-interest from the other agencies. Neither Mr. Cutler nor Mr. Henderson was interested. Mr. Sprague, at DCI's request, stated that he would make inquiries in the Defense Department.

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#### 6. New Delhi Conference of International Red Cross Societies

Mr. Sprague tabled a memorandum concerning the Conference of International Red Cross Societies to be held in New Delhi October 24 to November 5, 1957 at which there will be considered draft rules for the "Limitation of the Dangers Incurred by the Civilian Population in Time of War." It was Defense Department's opinion that the draft rules as they now stand, if adhered to by the US in good faith, would impose sweeping restrictions on the military conduct in any future war. In effect, they would proscribe the use of nuclear weapons thereby entering the realm of disarmament, but without any provision for inspection, control or other guarantees. Defense pointed up the serious implications of these proposals which

are contrary to the US position on disarmament. Mr. Henderson shared Defense's concern. Mr. Larson pointed out that the discussion of such proposals at the conference would provide the Soviets and the neutralists who wish to join in, an excellent propaganda forum. Mr. Sprague said he thought the US Government should be represented by considerably more than an "observer delegation" to the conference which apparently is all the State Department is presently intending to send. This item is being referred to the OCB Working Group on Nuclear Energy for further examination.



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